

Gangs Use Tar And Feathers To Uplift Texas

Masked Kidnappers Invade Principal Cities to Beat and Brand Offenders Who Violate Set Moral Code

Several Victims Vanish

Knife Applied to Accused Negroes; Acid Traces "K. K. K." on Forehead

Special Dispatch to The Tribune
HOUSTON, Tex., May 28.—Bands of masked kidnappers, representing themselves to be intent on enforcement of a prescribed code of morals and on "upholding of the supremacy of the white race," are operating with a free hand in Texas.

They lay down their own laws and inflict their own punishments. Penalties they have dealt out to their victims include tarring and feathering, lashing, branding with acid, surgical operations and banishment.

Legal agencies so far have failed completely in efforts to check the operations of the kidnappers. Houston, Dallas, Beaumont and other Texas cities have had repeated visitation from them. The victims have included whites and blacks. Despite denunciations of the kidnappers by court authorities and special charges to grand juries to detect and indict them the first arrest and prosecution is yet to take place.

Attorney Is First Victim
The first activity of the kidnappers was the tarring and feathering of B. I. Hobbs, attorney, of Houston, several weeks ago. He was ordered to leave the city and complied. Hobbs had specialized in negro divorce suits.

In Dallas a negro hotel porter was caught on the streets, whisked out of the city and severely beaten. Then the initials "K. K. K." were branded on his forehead with acid.

The grand jury in Beaumont is now investigating the case of Dr. J. S. Paul, a white physician. He was kidnapped from his home and after the tar and feathers were applied was dumped from an automobile unclimbed in the business section of the city.

Federal agents are assisting in the Beaumont inquiry on the statement of Dr. Paul that some of the kidnappers represented themselves as government officers when they appeared at his home.

The Beaumont grand jury was charged by District Judge Davidson, to get these kidnappers, no matter how big they are. Judge Davidson ignored a threatening letter he received.

W. J. McGee, auto salesman, was picked up by masked gangsters on Main Street, in Houston, after police had released him on bond under a charge that he had insulted school girls. He was whipped and ordered to leave. He promptly disappeared.

In Sour Lake, a South Texas oil town, Justice of the Peace Joe J. Devere was tarred and feathered. He vanished later.

Negro Put Under Knife
A few days after J. L. Cockrell, negro dentist, was fined \$1,000 on a charge involving a white woman, in the Houston courts, he was jerked from an automobile on a downtown street by eight masked men, taken to an unoccupied house outside the city, and slashed. He refused to attempt to identify any of his assailants.

In Shreveport, La., this week, Jack Morgan, thirty-year-old oil worker, was tarred and feathered after he had been arrested for annoying a girl, twelve years of age, to his hotel room. He received twenty-five lashes, and was ordered out of the state. He has not been seen at his Dallas home since.

In many cases these kidnappers have invited newspaper reporters to witness their operations. The invitations have been extended by telephone, reporters being told to appear at some place and wait for an automobile.

Postal authorities were asked, after the organization of the Ku-Klux Klan chapter here, to hunt down writers of anonymous letters, most of them threatening violence, with which the mails were flooded. This investigation, too, has been without result.

The Ku-Klux Klan has staged parades throughout the state. Hundreds of men, wearing white robes and masks and following a flaming cross, appear in them. They carry placards warning against intermingling of the white and black races, and against all varieties of immorality.

SOUR LAKE, Tex., May 28.—After a week of turmoil due to a political wrangle, Sour Lake was comparatively quiet to-day, with two preachers and twenty-three citizens acting as special deputy sheriffs.

Of three men ordered to leave town last Saturday, one is dead, another has departed and the third is being tarred and feathered. The latter, Joe J. Devere, a justice of the peace, plans to leave Sour Lake to-night, it was said.

The trouble grew out of an effort to have the city corporation dissolved, a question now before the state Supreme Court.

Seven Held in Mingo Zone For Defying Martial Law

WILLIAMSON, W. Va., May 28.—Seven persons, charged with violating Governor E. F. Morgan's martial law proclamation for Mingo County, were arrested to-day in mining towns along the Tug River and held without bail.

The charges included agitation, intimidating and carrying firearms. Activities of the regular and special state police continued unabated throughout the zone where the recent shootings occurred, and additional Kentucky guardsmen have been placed on duty at posts on the Kentucky side of the river.

State troopers were forced to bring two prisoners to this city from Matewan because officials of the mining village could not locate the keys to the jail.

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Files Suit for Million On Alleged Oil Contract

Steel Products Corporation Head Charges Mexican Seeks to Violate Agreement

Otto Kafka, president of the Argos Steel Products Corporation, filed a suit yesterday for \$1,000,000 in the Supreme Court against Guillermo A. Alonso, of Mexico, a guest at the Hotel Pennsylvania. Mr. Alonso is president of the Cosmos Petroleum Company, a Mexican corporation, and, according to the plaintiff, owns 80 per cent of its stock.

Mr. Kafka alleges that Mr. Alonso approached him regarding purchase of material for a pipe line from the wells of the Cosmos company to Port Lobos and telling him that the oil concern did not have the ready cash to pay for the material. Kafka asserts, however, that he proceeded to draw up plans for the financing of a pipe line and that these were adopted. Under its terms, it is charged, Alonso was to sell 75 per cent of the output of the Cosmos wells to Mr. Kafka at 40 cents a barrel at the well.

It is alleged by Kafka that while he was negotiating with British interests for the sale of the oil output Alonso, on his own account and in violation of the agreement, was conducting negotiations with other possible purchasers. These negotiations, it is alleged, are still going on.

Kafka asserts that Alonso is preparing to leave here for Europe to complete the negotiations, and that in view of the fact that the defendant has arranged his affairs so that no tangible property belonging to him will remain in the jurisdiction of the local courts, an order of arrest should be issued so that Alonso be compelled to file a bond.

Farm Finances Improved, Reserve Bank Head Reports

WASHINGTON, May 28.—Financial conditions among the farmers are believed to have improved somewhat recently and farm credits to have become easier, according to reports to the Federal Reserve Board from its governor, W. R. G. Harding, who is on a visit to the South and Middle West studying conditions in the agricultural sections.

The recent rise in wheat prices was said to have resulted in better conditions, while at the same time price reductions, especially in farm implements, were beginning to react to the benefit of all farmers.

Kills His Wife, but Believes Child, in Play, Loaded Gun

Couple Jokingly Aim Pistol Which, Husband Says, Had Been Emptied Before Baby Used It as Toy

Mrs. Fannie Frankel was shot and killed yesterday in her home at 259 Rivington Street. Her husband, Louis, told the police that he and his wife had been fooling with a revolver a friend of his had found and that she had shot herself.

Captain George Busby, of the 2d Detective Division pointed out that the wound, which was in the center of the forehead and perpendicular to the axis of the body, scarcely could have been self-inflicted.

Frankel then told a story which amazed the detectives, but which was corroborated in some details by Harry Weissman, who boarded with the Frankels. He said that he had taken all the cartridges out of the revolver and given it to his baby, twenty-one months old, to play with.

When the baby got tired of its new toy Frankel and his wife amused themselves with it, aiming at various objects in the room. He had pointed it at his wife, he said, and pulled the trigger. To his horror, a report followed and his wife fell dead.

Weissman remembered that the baby had had the revolver. The revolver was open, he said, and he could see that it was unloaded. The baby, he said, had brought it into his room and asked him to put a penny in it. All the cartridges, except that which killed Mrs. Frankel, were found on the floor. It is thought that the baby may have picked one up and slipped it into the cylinder, not having succeeded in getting a penny from Weissman. Frankel, however, was locked up at the Clinton Street police station, charged with homicide.

Hotel Wins Over Tyson

Court Refuses to Restrain Astor From Evicting

Justice Tierney in the Supreme Court yesterday denied the application of the Tyson Company, Inc., for an injunction pending trial restraining the Hotel Astor from evicting the petitioner from

its theater ticket stand in the hotel. The hotel management alleged that it was justified in seeking the eviction of Tyson from the house because of complaints that have been made by guests of overcharges on theater tickets.

Tyson asserted that its agreement for the stand in the Hotel Astor did not expire until August 30, 1924, to which the defendant made answer that the agreement provided that in case the business of the theater ticket concern was conducted in an objectionable manner a notice of ninety days was all that was required to end the tenancy.

Fire Kills Aged Woman In Kitchen of Home

"Grandma" Farrell Burned to Death While Police and Firemen Fight Way to Rescue

Mrs. Anna Farrell, eighty years old, was burned to death in the kitchen of her home on the first floor of 81 Butler Street, Brooklyn, early yesterday morning. The police and the firemen made frantic efforts to rescue the woman, but were unable to because of the smoke and the fact that her door was bolted.

Finally, Patrolman George O'Day and Sergeant John Driscoll, of the Butler Street station, and Fireman George Conway, of Hook and Ladder Company 110, succeeded in breaking in the door of the old woman's apartment and dragging out the body.

"Grandma" Farrell had been a well-known character in the neighborhood for the last fifty-five years. Her husband died twelve years ago. Since then she had lived alone. One of her sons is a priest with a parish in Jersey City.

Telephone Operator Slain; Rejected Suitor Sought

PHILADELPHIA, May 28.—Josephine Howard, a telephone operator, was shot and killed here early to-day while walking with a college student. The man who did the shooting jumped from a scaffold erected in front of a house and fired twice at close range. He escaped. The girl, who was seventeen years old, died almost instantly. The police are looking for a discarded suitor.

The girl's mother and brother said to-day the man sought twice threatened to kill the girl because she would not marry him. The college student has been detained by the police as a witness.

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